



Idaho Falls Club

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Idaho Falls Civitan Club
meets at Catered Your
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2161 E. 17th Street
Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Thursdays
12:00 - 1:00 PM
Dave Purcell President

Guests always
welcome!



Civitan Indoor Pub Golf Tournament Huge Success

The 13th annual Civitans indoor pub golf tournament was a resounding success. Keeping costs low and having more teams sign up this year helped make this year's tournament better than ever, bringing in more than \$7,400 after expenses.

We had more teams dress up this year and the winner of the costume contest, and a free team next year, were dressed as Minions from the movie Despicable Me. The team that won first place was the Bannock Civitan group, and I'd like to congratulate them on the win!

Great ideas for next year's tournament include adding more locations and hopefully getting more teams!

Thank you all for your help! We could not have done it without the help of all the volunteers that we had and we look forward to having as big a success next year as we did this year.

Thanks to Jim Hammon, Kerry McCullough and their super committee.



**They look Civitan Happy
to me!**



Long Time Between Newsletters!

I know it has been a while but we have been very busy doing the things our club does best. We have rolled up our sleeves got together and worked hard to better our community, our club, those less fortunate, and ourselves in the process. While I wanted to highlight all of the things we do each month it would be a book instead of a newsletter because it has been several months sense the last one. I know I would leave out something or someone who has done an outstanding job being a committee chair, or one of the many people making our projects possible. So I just want to highlight a few and show a few photos of the fun we have had.

Rocky Deschamps

Seek Meeting Was a Success

Our club held our semi annual Seek Meeting in March. It was a resounding success adding 19 new faces to our team of incredible Civitans. Thanks in large to the current members who asked their friends and colleagues to come hear about the great things our club does. We welcome these new Civitans and the new hands that will be available to help us with our many project. With the addition of the new members we are now the largest Civitan Club in the Heart of the West Civitan District.

"Civitan is doing things, big things, for the community, state and nation, and I certainly consider an honor to be numbered among its ranks"

Thomas Alva Edison, 1928



After the GREAT seek meeting we had a New Member Orientation meeting and initiation of our newest members. Debbie Purcell did an excellent job with tables surrounding the meeting room with our projects and chairpersons discussing the projects and educating the new members about our clubs many projects.





Officer Elections

Under the great guidance of Roger Smart we elected our officers for our 2015/2016 year.

President elect – Tami Holmes

Treasurer – Tanner Gleave

Secretary – Carol Barker

Board of Directors – Natalie Hebard, Mike Holzemer, Debbie Purcell, Doug Zeek (in alphabetical order)

Congratulations to all.



1995 Homeless Stand Down

This years Homeless Stand Down was lots of fun and a huge success. Civitans involvement included fixing breakfast for over 175 homeless, providers and participants in the event. We fixed hashbrowns, eggs, biscust, sausage and gravy for those attending. Civitans again ROCKED!

We had a great turnout but still need more to help out next year. Items donated provided by our club and others included : veterans services, medical screenings, medical, vouchers haircut, clothing, cold weather supplies, blankets and sleeping bags, food, flu shots, resource links community, FREE HOT BREAKFAST BY CIVITANS



Members of the Idaho Falls Civitan Club fixed breakfast — eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy and beverages — for nearly 175 hungry men, women and children. The Post Register gave us a great write-up with the following.

The Civitans donated all the food, as well as 15 volunteer cooks and kitchen helpers.





EITC Foundation Scholarship Ceremony

The Annual EITC Foundation Scholarship Ceremony was held on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at the Shilo Inn to honour scholarship recipients for their academic achievements. All Civitans were invited to attend for the presentation of scholarships. Dave Purcell, Idaho Falls Civitan President was in attendance to present the Civitan Scholarship certificates. The Idaho Falls Civitans have been involved annually supporting students with disabilities by sponsoring scholarships but this year they increased their support of the scholarship program significantly. In the past the club has contributed \$4,500 helping three students, this past year a proposal to increase support for the scholarship program was approved. The Civitans donated \$10,000 to help ten students this year with their educational expenses.

All of the qualified applicants had to complete an EITC Scholarship Application, prepare a 1-page personal statement and retain a letter of recommendation from a non-family member. The students had to also have proper documentation of their disability on file with the EITC Disability and Resource Services Coordinator, Irene Jones who recently joined the Civitans. Tanner Gleave, Civitan Board Member was instrumental in organizing a review committee to make the selections, all those who did not receive a scholarship from the Civitans were reviewed for our EITC General Scholarships and did receive a scholarship even if they were not selected by the Civitans.



The ceremony was a great success and was also an opportunity to educate those in attendance on who the Civitans are and what we do in the community. Overall, the EITC Foundation handed out 160 scholarships amounting to nearly \$200,000. The event had more than 650 in attendance a combination of students, guests, contributors, staff, faculty and EITC Foundation Board of Directors. The EITC Foundation believes that this

event will continue to grow with each year. "The EITC Foundation is extremely grateful for the continued support of the Idaho Falls Civitans by providing scholarship opportunities to those with disabilities", says EITC Foundation Executive Director, Natalie Hebard. Changing lives through scholarship...priceless.

Natalie J. Hebard





How Has Civitan Changed Me!

By Tina Cooper

I have to say that I'm surprised at the ways I have personally changed since joining Civitan in September of 2013. The reason I joined is because I have always been a regular at Alive After Five (LOVE IT!), and being as such, I got to know some of the Civitan members who worked it each week. One week I happened to ask what Civitan actually is, what they do.....I really had no idea (and, unfortunately, I hear that a lot from people I know). The thing that immediately drew me in was the fact that we do a Halloween party for clients of Development Workshop. I have a special needs cousin, and that particular project really got my attention. I think it's AWESOME that we all care so much about people who face such challenges in life! I also appreciate that we are so hands on, vs. just writing a check like some other organizations.

Since joining Civitan, I can say that I have made several legit friends (not just acquaintances that I may say hello to at weekly meetings, but actual friends that I care about and know care about me). Everyone can use people they know they can count on if they need them! I really appreciate everyone in our club.

The biggest change which has surprised me.....when I first joined, I didn't know if I would actually participate and volunteer for projects. That was totally outside my comfort zone (even though I'm a bit outgoing - ha). I have actually volunteered for many different committees, and chaired one myself! I never would have thought I would do such a thing. I know that is filtering over into my "real" life, because I am actually in the middle of planning my 30 year high school reunion (yes, I'm THAT old). When no one volunteered to step up and get it going, I went ahead and got it started, formed a committee, and we're rolling right along. I can tell you that there is NO WAY I would've ever thought I would take on such a monumental task (my class had over 400 people) prior to joining Civitan. Now we are making our reunion happen, and it's going to be fabulous!

It's really an awesome thing to sit back and contemplate what effect being in this organization has on your life. I hope that everyone has the same life changing experience that I have had, and know that you rock for making all of the things we do happen! Thank you so much for all you do!!





CIVITAN Youth Seminar

Civitan Youth Seminar The Annual Civitan Youth Leadership Seminar was a success again this year with 48 youth attendees in total. The event included group activities lead by junior councilors to promote team building and leadership skills as well as adult speakers on a variety of topics. Topics included self-worth, patriotism, stewardship and volunteerism, challenging yourself and recognizing your value, addiction (the 10 pitfalls) and health and fitness. This event is a great way for Civitan to support the growth of our youth in the community through our financial contributions and onsite help during the event. Let's challenge ourselves next year to double the number of attendees through promotion in our local schools and communities to broaden our reach on how many youth get to experience leadership training through Civitan.

Sara Wilmot



In addition to helping with the Unspecial Olympics some of our members also went to help out with registration and attended the Wednesday lunch where we learned more about the delegates as well as sharing information about Civitan.

Reality Town

By Irene Jones

Reality Town, a financial literacy activity, was held at Eastern Idaho Technical College on March 17, 2015. Sixty-two area high school students with disabilities participated in the hands-on activity. Upon entrance to Reality Town, students instantly became a 30-year old with a full-time job and a family. Using a checkbook, check register, and debit card, participants visited 24 booths to determine how they would spend their monthly income. Housing, transportation, groceries, doctor's office, health insurance, and pet store were a few of the options from which the students could choose. Reality Town is a fun activity, but also helps the students learn more about the costs and responsibilities of living in the adult world.

The Idaho Falls Civitan Club supported Reality Town by a monetary donation and volunteers. Carol Barker, Kim Brunson, Deb Dexter, Tanner Gleave, Natalie Hebard, McKayla Matlack, Carol Perry, and Bill Toth were among the 40+ community volunteers who helped to make Reality Town a success.





Hello to All Fellow Civitans

What an exciting and full summer we have had so far. So many great and worthwhile projects to help out in our community. What makes it all work is our fund raisers and you, as members of our civilian family.

If you haven't had an opportunity to sign up for a project or for our summer fund raiser, Alive after five, please take an opportunity to do so. With all of us working together it makes everything much more simple and fun.

Speaking of fun, hats off goes to Tami Holmes for planning and coordinating our summer civilian party. I was unfortunately out of town but I heard it was wonderful. So we ccivilians know how to work hard but we know how to have fun also.

I encourage all civilians to become involved and get to know your fellow club members. You won't be disappointed. Some of my greatest friends are to be found right here.

Sincerely your president,
Dave Purcell

Alive After Five

After a rainy couple of weeks we are finally seeing great (hot) weather, lots of people, good entertainment and lots of excellent help. Thanks to all who have signed up so far this year and for the Civitan's who have signed up for the rest of the summer. If you have not had a chance to work please get a hold of Mary Lou Cooper as she has the sign-up sheets. Krut Karst, Brad and Jennie Brady and their committee have been hard at work and have the event down to a science. This year our special needs club (Hearts and Hands Civitan Club) have been selling water, pop and ice cream this year as a fund raiser. They have expressed their thanks for the opportunity to make some money for their projects.

Email Mary Lou to sign-up to help. tcoop@ida.net

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